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PART I. SIGNIFICANT PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS

B. NEW TARGETS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

ITM01:PROB ROCKET/MOTAR TRNG. AREA SGM:UNK CTY:CB 135000N1072300E

RMK:DETAILED ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE TROJAN HORSE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE WEAPONS POSITIONS
LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE TONLE SAN (RIVER) AREA, CAMBODIA.

A) THE ENTIRE AREA CENTERED AT APPROXIMATELY 1350N 10723E AND
BOUNDED BY UTM COORDINATES YA562317, YA584317, YA584292 AND
YA562292 IS A PROBABLE ROCKET/MORTAR TRAINING AREA. B) THE WEAPONS
POSITIONS ARE IDENTICAL AND CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE USSR
TRAILER-MOUNTED 140-MM ROCKET LAUNCHER (BM 14-16) OR A MODIFICATION
OF THAT WEAPON. NVA PERSONNEL HAVE USED THIS WEAPON AGAINST US
US FORCES IN THE DMZ AND ARE BELIEVED CAPABLE OF DISASSEMBLING
THE PRESENT EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT THROUGH HEAVY
JUNGLE TERRAIN. C) ANOTHER POSSIBLE WEAPON IS THE HEAVY MORTAR.
COMPARATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS A SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE ROCKET/
MORTAR TRAINING POSITIONS LOCATED IN NE CAMBODIA AND A USSR 240-
MM MORTAR (M-240) POSITION OF A USSR TRAINING AREA (REF).

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HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIVE IMPORTANCE (I.E. NUCLEAR CAPABILITY) AND ITS RELATIVE WEIGHT (APPROXIMATELY 10,000 LBS), IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS WEAPON WOULD BE EXPORTED TO THE NVA. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE PRESENCE OF THIS WEAPON IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE SLIGHTLY MODIFIED CONFIGURATION ON THESE WEAPONS POSITIONS, OBSERVED IN NE CAMBODIA SUGGEST THEY COULD BE USED FOR A SMALLER, LIGHTER, AND MORE COMPACT WEAPON SUCH AS THE USSR 160-MM MORTAR (M-160). THE MAXIMUM RANGE OF THIS WEAPON (8,825 YARDS) IS COMPARABLE TO THE 140-MM ROCKET (9,846 YARDS). ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND GRAPHICS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN A SUBSEQUENT NPIC SOUTHEAST ASIA ACTIVITY REPORT "SELECTED TRANSPORTATION AND INFILTRATION COMPENDUM".

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PART II. OTHER PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS - NONE

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